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December 2, 2020

**By ECF**

The Honorable Paul A. Crotty  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Courtroom 14C  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: *United States v. Joshua Adam Schulte*, S3 17 Cr. 548 (PAC)**

Dear Judge Crotty:

The Government writes in connection with the Court's November 25, 2020 order directing the Metropolitan Correctional Center (the "MCC") to arrange for one video-conference (a "VTC") a month between the defendant and his family on the first Friday of each month. While the Government does not take a position on the defense request for a social VTC, the Government has conferred with counsel for the MCC, who has asked the Government to relay MCC's objection to the defense's request. In particular, MCC believes that

allowing an inmate to have social video calls will put pressure on the MCC to allow other inmates to have social video calls the Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") cannot accommodate. It will also be much more difficult for us to arrange for the requisite FBI and BOP monitoring required by the SAMs at this stage in the pandemic. Finally, BOP has a strong interest in implementing uniform privileges for its inmates. Granting the defendant's request would only encourage other inmates to try to prevail on their attorneys to clog the courts with requests for relief. The Government is always ready and willing to work with defense counsel to resolve reasonable requests to BOP. This request, however, seeks special treatment where none is warranted. The judiciary should not accept the defendant's invitation to micro-manage the decisions rendered by prison officials in the executive branch.

cc: Defense Counsel (by ECF)